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SUBJECT Possible Improvement of Road in Soviet-Turkish Border Area

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The road leading from Akhaltsikh to Uraveli (41-33N, 43-04E) and thence southwest along a tributary of the Kura River is approximately three meters wide. The surface is asphalted* and is in condition only for transport. Grades vary between 2° and 4°. It is a typical zig-zagging mountain road, with a large number of very sharp turns. From Akhaltsikh to Uraveli, the bridges are made of concrete. Beyond Uraveli, the bridges are constructed of wood and have a capacity of not over three tons. Mountain streams which the road crosses are swift. However, the streambeds are of rock and gravel and could easily be crossed at various points.

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* [REDACTED] Comment: An official Soviet map dated 1946 shows this road as a paved highway from Akhaltsikh to Uraveli but as only an unimproved dirt road beyond Uraveli. If the present report is correct, it indicates that the stretch southwest of Uraveli, leading in the direction of the Soviet-Turkish border, has been improved since 1946.

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